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Annaberg.

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1. On 15 August 1951, troops with black-bordered red epaulets from the Mehnert Kaserne, Annaberg (M 51/K 73), practiced close combat with three dummy tanks in the area at the Pöhlberg (hill). About 150 troops wearing the same type of epaulets were engaged in advanced combat practice at the training area on 21 July. The superintendent of the municipal swimming pool stated that 970 soldiers from Annaberg came to the pool on 21 July. About 650 troops with black-bordered red epaulets and 150 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, commanded by a colonel and led by a military band assembled on Stalinplatz on 22 July. About 500 troops with black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets from the Mehnert Kaserne held a road march to Steinbach, 10 km east of Annaberg, on 27 July. About 120 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced the construction of field positions along the road from Annaberg to Baerenstein, 10 km south of Annaberg, on 28 July. Vehicles observed in the streets of Annaberg; [ ] 25X1

[ ] all driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets; [ ] 25X1

2. [ ] a guard house for Soviet Army personnel was being built at the newly constructed dam near Kranzaehl, 8 km south of Annaberg. The new reservoir was connected with the main water works in Koenigswalde, 5 km southeast of Annaberg, by a pipe line. 25X1

Chernitz.

4. On 26 July, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse, Chernitz (M 61/K 66), was still occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 120 men were seen leaving the billeting area for combat practice, while groups of 30 men each were drilling with four large artillery pieces of an undetermined type in the barracks yard, and another

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25X1 300 troops alternated in various phases of drill, apparently including  
 25X1 mortar drill, in the barracks yard. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] trucks [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] carrying 30 soldiers with black-bordered red

25X1 epaulets, drove out. \*\*

[redacted] 5. MGB personnel were quartered in the school building in the middle of the  
 Soviet-occupied residential area of Siegmars, west of Chemnitz.

25X1 Dresden.

6. About 200 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets, organized in groups  
 of from 12 to 15 men, were seen receiving basic training in the Luft-  
 kriegsschule, Dresden-Klotzsche (N 52/E 29), on 19 July, about 500 troops  
 on 23 July, and 280 troops on 1 August.

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25X1 Leipzig.

25X1 [redacted] 7. Truck [redacted] and radio trucks [redacted] were seen in the  
 yard of the MGB quarters on Olbricht Strasse, Leipzig (N 52/E 21), on  
 11 July.

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25X1 8. Truck [redacted] occupied by 10 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets,  
 was seen departing from the MGB quarters in the Planitz Kaserne, Leipzig,  
 on 26 July.

25X1 9. Between 20 and 28 July, the Treitschke Kaserne in Leipzig still quartered  
 about 400 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets and maintained a dog  
 kennel. Trucks [redacted] and sedan [redacted] were identified  
 at the installation. \*\*\*

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25X1 \* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 195th Gds Rifle Regt of the 66th  
 Gds Rifle Div in World War II. At the end of the war, the division was  
 25X1 subordinate to the XXXIV Gds Rifle Corps of the Fifth Gds Army. The 70th  
 25X1 Gds Rifle Div and the 97th Gds Rifle Div, the latter with two regiments,  
 25X1 were identified in the southeastern portion of the Carpathian MD [redacted]  
 after the war. Since these two divisions were also assigned to the Fifth  
 Gds Army at the end of the war, it is fairly definitely believed that the  
 Hq Fifth Gds Army is now in command in the southeastern portion of the  
 Carpathian MD, and that its components include the 66th, 70th, and 97th Gds  
 Rifle Divs.

25X1 \*\* [redacted] Comment. The information on the occupation of the Artillery Kaserne  
 Chemnitz, and the motor vehicle numbers reported from there agree with  
 25X1 [redacted] There have been no reports that the barracks installa-  
 tion on Leninstrasse quarter Soviet Army units, or that MGB units  
 have been issued heavy weapons.

25X1 \*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The three installations in Leipzig constitute a collective  
 MGB billeting area on Olbricht Strasse.

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